

House Resolution No. 463

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Kenny Kent lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, JoAnn Ewing, during a solemn ceremony on February 17, 1955, at the First Christian Church in Guthrie, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Kenny and JoAnn Kent have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children, David Kent of Albany and Sidney Braswell and her husband, Doug, of Maquoketa, Iowa; and four grandchildren, Jackie and Vanessa Kent and Ryan and Ty Braswell; and

Whereas, Kenny Kent has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes toiling as a farmer; working for Production Credit Association for twenty-five years; retiring from Bank Midwest in 2000; serving on many boards and organizations, including the Worth County Water District and the Soil and Water Conservation Board; and being a member of the Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, and the American Legion; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, JoAnn Kent has further distinguished herself by retiring after thirty-eight years as a Registered Dietitian at Gentry County Memorial Hospital and being a member of the PEO Sisterhood; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Kent derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with the United Methodist Church, where Kenny teaches Sunday school and JoAnn plays the organ; and

Whereas, Kenny and JoAnn Kent, residents of Albany, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on February 18, 2005:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Kenny and JoAnn Kent and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kent.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 463, adopted February 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker